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The Bible and daily living

by Dr. William L. Trimyer

The Family Life of Jesus
Lesson for January 6, 1980
Scripture References: John 2:1-25; 7:1-13; 19:25-27
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Invitation To A Wedding (John 2:1-5)

The Gospel of John is a revelation in and of itself of who Jesus was and what his mission was about. John utilizes the miracles of Jesus to reveal the nature and power of the Kingdom of God. It is interesting that John shares a very human story about Jesus and his invitation to a wedding, but we must remember that John has a profound message in telling this incident. John did not tell stories about Jesus just for the sake of story-telling. He shared such stories because they were signs of the Kingdom.

Weddings were exciting social events in the days of Jesus, perhaps even more so than in our day. That Jesus and his disciples were invited guests to the wedding reveals, I think, that Jesus was no prude. He willingly entered into festive occasions and celebrative events.

It can be embarrassing to invite guests into your home and discover that you have not adequately anticipated or prepared for their coming. Such was the case at the wedding at Cana. In this instance the wine ran out, leaving guests without anything to drink. It is at this point that Jesus' mother brings this to his attention. It appears that she may have felt that Jesus could rescue the situation and keep the celebration from a flop.

Jesus' response to his mother sounds curt and harsh. But Jesus was not being necessarily disrespectful. The term "woman" as used by Jesus was to imply that he took his orders and prompting only from God, not from other human beings. And Jesus' mother did not seem particularly alarmed by her son's response. She turned and instructed the servants to follow his instructions no matter what.

The end result was that Jesus saved a wedding party from becoming a social catastrophe.

Lack of Family Trust (John 7:3-5)

Jesus was obviously a controversial figure in his day. Many people could not understand or accept his strange powers and teachings. This was even true among his earthly siblings. Many families suffer from lack of belief and trust among family members.

Not much is written about Jesus' earthly family, but we may suspect that his earthly siblings had trouble dealing with Jesus' fame and notoriety.

In this section under study we note that Jesus' brothers requested him to go to Jerusalem and openly declare himself to be the Messiah. After all, Jerusalem was the nation's capital and the sacred homeplace of the Jews. But Jesus responded in the same fashion as he did to his mother, namely, to listen only to the promptings of his heavenly Father.

It is not hard to understand the actions of Jesus' brothers. They may have wanted him to promote his popularity to enhance their's. After all, some family members live off of the identities of their more "successful" relatives. Most people enjoy the "mileage" they get from being related, no matter how distant, to famous people.

Nevertheless, John's point is that Jesus' brothers exhibited a narrow belief in Jesus. They were unable or unwilling to accept him as the Saviour of humanity and Son of God. In a word, it might have been difficult for them to accept a brother who was also their Saviour! Jesus stood by his convictions and decisions, regardless of the desires of his family.

Warmth From The Cross

Even in his darkest hour Jesus maintained his concern and warmth for his family. In his most agonizing hour he was able to care for his loved ones. His concern was futuristic for his mother and for one of his closest followers. What did he mean when he said, "Woman, behold your son!" and "Behold, your mother?" Well, Jesus was thinking of continuing care for his mother after he was gone. It is quite natural that he would have chosen his closest follower (we must assume John) to care for his mother.

Jesus' response from the cross was nothing short of an act of kindness. Jesus wanted to know that his mother's needs would be cared for after his death and departure.

Jesus cared for his family, but he never once wavered from his divine mission. He loved his family but had to shy away from trying to conform to their wishes and expectations. He knew he must obey his higher calling to carry out his Heavenly Father's divine plan to save humanity.

Jesus is a teacher in many respects. One thing we learn from his own experience is that each of us have a life to live on our own. There comes a time when parents must painfully sever the "apron strings" and allow their children the freedom to make their own choices. To remain in a dependency state is unhealthy for both parents and children.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

Rocks

Dec. 31-First snow of the season came on Thursday night.

Happy New Year to one and all.

Lewis Harris is back home from the hospital. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Sympathy is extended the family of Mrs. Thelma Martin who died Monday night at Va. Baptist Hospital.

Also the the family of Mary Frances Jenkins Abbitt who died at Lynchburg General Hospital on Monday afternoon after a long illness.

All who attended the childrens play at Rocks on Wednesday night thought it was well presented.

Sorry to hear Clyde Gilliam of Pamplin entered the hospital in Lynchburg last week. He was caught under several bales of hay in the barn. A speedy recovery is wished him.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor and children left Friday morning to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Illinois for the Christmas holidays.

A very large crowd attended the Roach and Shorter wedding at Rocks Saturday afternoon. It was a beautiful wedding. After a wedding trip the couple will live in Columbia, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor and children returned from Illinois after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.

A nice crowd turned out Sunday night for the Christmas play, "The Shining Star" which was beautifully presented by the members of our church.

On January 2, 1980 an overview of the book of Genesis will be given in preparation for reading the Bible through in 1980.

On Sunday night, individuals or groups, families or singles presented their talents at a musicspirations held at Rocks. All enjoyed the program very much.

Mrs. Hazel Lee Martin, president presided at the meeting.

Mrs. Harriett Cunningham led the group in pledge to the United States Flag. Mrs. Gladys Johnson led in salutes to the Virginia Flag, and Mrs. Helen Gunter led in salutes to the Confedeate Flag.

The Ritual and Confederate by Mrs. Hazel Lee Martin.

Members received their 1979-1981 Year Books.

A silent moment of prayer was for our deceased member, Mrs. Thelma Martin.

The meeting concluded when Mrs. Harriett Cunningham led the group in singing, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny."

Mrs. Rachel Lawson was in charge of arrangements for the dinner, who wished everyone a "Merry Christmas and A "Happy New Year".

UDC Christmas dinner meeting held

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held its annual Christmas dinner meeting on Thursday evening, December 20th, 6:30 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant in Appomattox.

Mrs. Rachel Lawson introduced the guest speaker, Roy A. Moon, local pharmacist, who told some of his most humorous stories.

Glad to have Mr. Walter Shelton Sr. and Lewis Harris back at church after a stay in the hospital.

Sympathy is extended the Clyde Gillium family in their bereavement. He passed away at Lynchburg General Hospital on Monday night.

Phillip Inge and friend arrived for Christmas Monday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge of Pamplin.

The Rocks Homemakers Club will have their January meeting on January 10th. with Florence Ranson at 7:30 p.m. Note the date change from 1st Thurs. to 2nd. Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin went to Richmond Wednesday to see their brother-in-law, Randy Bradshaw who is in a hospital there and Mrs. Martin's aunt, Mrs. Maxey who is in Chippenham Hospital.

Buddy Jennings of Roanoke is back home from the hospital much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shorter, Jr. spent Christmas Day here and left on Wednesday for their home in Columbia, S. C.

Clyde Nash of Appomattox came home from the hospital on Christmas Day.

A very very large crowd attended the Leonard Anderson's funeral on Friday morning at Robinson's Funeral Home. Dr. Carl A. Collins Jr. of Deltaville, conducted the funeral. Rev. Rex Bennett had a part also.

Mrs. Walter Ranson was in Pamplin Thursday. On her way home she called to see Mrs. Carrie Richardson of Pamplin.

Herman Richardson killed a nice turkey, 18 lbs it was.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell Jr. and boys spent the weekend in Martinsville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell Sr.

The college students will return back to college on Thursday after a vacation here during the holidays.

Sympathy is extended the Harris family in the death of Mrs. Harris at a nursing home Saturday night.

At the evening service on January 6, Miss Ginger Welch will speak to us and show slides of Africa. She was in Zambia, Africa for two years serving as a Journeyman.

Friendship Circle will meet on January 8 at 1:30 p.m. with Mrs. Delsie Harrup in Buckingham.

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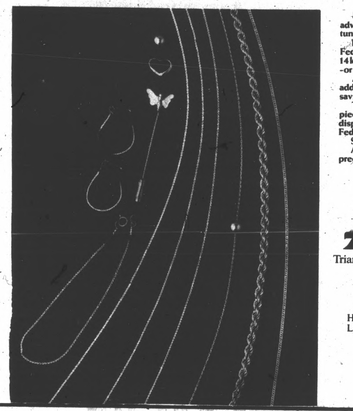

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Stacey Moore celebrated birthday

Stacey Moore celebrated her birthday recently with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Attending and shown in above photo, back row, left to right,were Lee Moore, Kay Jordan, Curtis Moore, Tony Drinkard, and Randy Arrowood; and on front row, left to right, Sheri Williams, Lynette Lankford, Beth Carter, Stacey Moore, Pam Bennette, Michelle Arrowood, and Denise Drinkard; and in center front, Margie Ovington.

Kelly Harris celebrated birthday

Kelly Harris celebrated her birthday with a party at A. J. Skateworld recently. Attending and shown in the photo above were, front row, left to right, Troy, Jr., "Kelly Harris", Mike Lukke; second row, left to right, Wendy Harris, David McCrackin, April Talpot, Sissy Knight, and Terri Harris; and on back row, left to right, Amber Clack, Mike Carmody, Brenda Smith, Delores Smith, Margie Lockner, and Cindy Garret.

Chestnut Grove

Dec. 17-Johnie M. Harris was a recent visitor of his father, H. Flood Harris in a Richmond hospital. We hope he will soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Mills of Andersonville were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger.

The members of the Young Adult Class of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church enjoyed supper at the chinese restaurant in Farmville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Bertha Jones and Mr. Paul Lunsford, both of Crewe.

Wayne Cook of Richmond was a weekend visitor of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass visited Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Beasley at Troutville Sunday.

Little Aaron Harris spent Friday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wayeaster of Dillwyn.

Sympathy is extended to the Gene Roland family. He was buried at Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam B. Mahorley of Buckingham and Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Mills of Andersonville were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson Morris were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Chappell of Dillwyn.

Jason and Amy Waycaster of Dillwyn spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris.

Visitors Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. were Mrs. Mamie Crump and Mrs. Carol Crump and David all of Farmville.

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr. were Mrs. Kelly Branch and Mrs. Dale Ragland, all of Buckingham.

Virginia fibre reports weekly wood purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending December 21, 1979. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	4,027.31
Amelia	4,195.06
Amherst	8,772.68
Appomattox	13,032.55
Augusta	389.77
Bedford County	2,543.76
Buckingham	26,513.81
Campbell	4,628.80
Charlotte	6,718.26
Cumberland	12,023.82
Fluvanna	1,022.01
Goochland	417.86
Madison	702.50
Nelson	8,051.12
Pittsylvania	717.38
Powhatan	3,356.20
Prince Edward	11,201.95
Prince William	704.00
Rockbridge	223.40
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